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Dear Clinton Community:

As much as this is an extremely busy time for the students, the spring is also when the upcoming school year comes into focus for the Clinton Street PS staff. The Chronicle editorial team thought it would be beneficial to provide our loyal readers with a 2024/25 staffing update, although we know that the staffing configuration is not finalized yet.

Joining Clinton Street PS for 2024/25:

We are thrilled to welcome teachers Genevieve Anthony, Jennifer Galliera, and Peter Lazarakis to the Clinton Street PS team. Ms. Anthony comes to us from Ryerson PS and will be delivering part of Clinton's French as a Second Language programming. Ms. Galliera will be returning to teach at Clinton Street PS, after several years at Huron PS, and she will be part of the Clinton team that teaches students who have Developmentally Disabilities. Mr. Lazarakis, who, for the past five years, has been the teacher at the In-Patient/Transition Classroom at Humber River Hospital, will be the homeroom teacher for the Clinton Street PS students who have been enrolled in our Learning Disabilities program. We know that Ms. Anthony, Ms. Galliera, And Mr. Lazarakis will quickly feel at home at Clinton Street PS.

Leaving Clinton Street PS for 2024/25:

Ms. Angel Wu will be teaching at Cresthaven PS in North York next year. Ms. Wu has been part of the Clinton Street PS team for seven years and has been exemplary in every position she has held. Ms. Wu's recent efforts to involve all the Clinton students in the Forest of Reading program was a great example of both her passion for literacy and attention to the needs of all learners. The 2023/24 year has been very full for Ms. Wu who, along with all her Clinton Street PS responsibilities, has also moved homes and was married last Saturday. We wish Ms. Wu all the best in her new school. Cresthaven PS is indeed fortunate.

Mr. Roy Gibb will be retiring from the TDSB this school year. Mr. Gibb has been an Educational Assistant with the Toronto District School Board for nearly 20 years and, for the past seven years, has been part of the Clinton Street PS team who dedicate themselves to supporting our students with Developmental Disabilities. Mr. Gibb's kindness, professionalism, flexibility, and care will never be forgotten by all the families and staff members with whom he has worked. We wish Mr. Gibb all the best in the years to come.

After thirty years with the Toronto District School Board (he is old enough to add 'and legacy Boards' as his teaching career started with the Etobicoke Board of Education) Principal Dan Taylor will be retiring at the end of June. Over the course of his professional educational career, Mr. Taylor was a Schoolgrounds' Maintenance Worker, Lunchroom Supervisor, Educational Assistant, Occasional Teacher, Teacher, Special Education Resource Teacher, and Vice Principal. Of course, all this experience proved invaluable when he finally became a principal and had all those roles once again. The Chronicle editorial team considered wishing Principal Taylor well in his retirement, but he quickly informed us that it would be shamelessly self-serving and an insult to the Chronicle's high journalistic standards. However, Mr. Taylor would like the Clinton Street PS students, staff and community know that it remains a true honour and pleasure to serve as Clinton Street's principal and be part of such a vibrant, welcoming, inclusive, and dynamic school and community.

At this point there is no news to share regarding the Clinton Street PS successors to Ms. Wu, Mr. Gibb, or Mr. Taylor.

Upcoming at Clinton:

- Friday, May 24 Boys Softball Tournament @ Trinity Bellwoods
- Monday, May 27 Artsmart Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 29 Barrier-Free Track and Field Meet @ Variety Village
- Thursday, May 30 Swim to Survive for Rooms 303 and 307
- Thursday, May 30 Ultimate Frisbee Semi Final tournament
- Friday, May 31 Rooms 302 and 300 to the Science Centre
- Week of June 3 EQAO begins for Grade Three and Six students
- Week of June 10 EQAO concludes for Grade Three and Six students
- June 3 Girls Slo-Pitch D2 Semi-Finals
- June 4 Girls Slo-Pitch D3 tournament
- June 5 Track and Field Conference Finals
- June 6 Junior Jays' Game
- June 11 Track and Field City Finals

We wish you all a wonderful spring weekend.

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